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SUBJ: UN CONFERENCE ON SUCCESSION OF STATES AND TREATIES

1. UN LEGAL COUNSEL SUY INFORMED US HE RECEIVED
FOLLOWING LETTER FROM KAMANA, PRESIDENT NAMIBIA COUNCIL:
QUOTE: SIR, AT ITS 250TH PLENARY MEETING, THE UNITED NATIONS
COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA DECIDED TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON SUCCESSION
OF STATES IN RESPECT OF TREATIES TO BE HELD FROM 4 APRIL
TO 6 MAY IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA.

THE DELEGATION OF THE COUNCIL WILL CONSIST OF: MR.
ABDELHAMID SEMISHI, REPRESENTATIVE OF ALGERIA, AND MR.
LESLIE ROBINSON, REPRESENTATIVE OF GUYANA. THE DELEGATION
OF THE COUNCIL WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MR. ERNEST TJIRIANGE,
REPRESENTATIVE OF SWAPO.

IN ACCEPTING THE INVITATION, I SHOULD ALSO LIKE TO
DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 3 OF GENERAL
ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 31/149, WHICH RUNS AS FOLLOWS:
INNER QUOTE' THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REQUESTS ALL SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND
OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND CONFERENCES WITHIN THE UNITED
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NATIONS SYSTEM TO CONSIDER GRANTING FULL MEMBERSHIP
TO THE UNITED NATIONS COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA SO THAT IT
MAY PARTICIPATE IN THAT CAPACITY AS THE ADMINISTERING
AUTHORITY FOR NAMIBIA IN THE WORK OF THOSE AGENCIES,
ORGANIZATIONS AND CONFERENCES. END INNER QUOTE

OBSERVANCE OF THIS PARAGRAPH WOULD FACILITATE

THE PARTICIPATION OF THE COUNCIL IN THE UNITED NATIONS
CONFERENCE ON SUCCESSION OF STATES IN RESPECT OF
TREATIES. END QUOTE

2. SUY HAS PROVIDED SEAT FOR REPS OF NAMIBIA COUNCIL
AMONG OBSERVERS AND HE HAS HEARD NO COMPLAINTS SO FAR
AND PLANS NO CHANGE UNLESS HE RECEIVES COMPLAINT.
SEMICHI, ROBINSON AND TJIRIANGE ARE IN TOWN BUT HAVE NOT
CONTACTED SUY SO FAR. HE SAYS HE INCLINED IF MATTER RAISED
TO GRANT NAMIBIA COUNCIL REPS THE RIGHT TO SIT IN THEIR
ALPHABETICAL PLACE AMONG DELEGATIONS WITH THE SAME RIGHTS
AS ALL OTHER DELEGATIONS QUOTE EXCEPT THE RIGHT TO VOTE OR
SIGN THE TREATY SINCE AFTER ALL THEY ARE NOT STATES. UNQUOTE

3. IN LIGHT UNGA RES 31/149 WE WOULD PLAN, UNLESS INSTRUCTED
TO CONTRARY TO RAISE NO OBJECTION TO SUY'S TENTATIVE
SOLUTION. IF THIS PROVES UNACCEPTABLE TO NAMIBIA COUNCIL
REPS AND PARTICIPATION WITH RIGHT TO VOTE INSISTED UPON
WE WOULD PLAN TO ABSTAIN IF A VOTE IS CALLED FOR AND
EXPLAIN THAT ALTHOUGH WE RECOGNIZE THE SPECIAL CHARACTER
OF THE NAMIBIA COUNCIL AND THE SPECIAL CHARACTER OF THIS
CONFERENCE AND THUS DID NOT VOTE AGAINST WE DO BELIEVE
VOTING ON AND SIGNING OF TREATIES SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO
STATES. IF NO VOTE CALLED FOR, WE WOULD ALLOW MATTER
TO BE DECIDED BY CONSENSUS, AND THEN EXPLAIN THAT HAD THERE
BEEN A VOTE WE WOULD HAVE ABSTAINED FOR THE ABOVE CITED
REASONS. UK INCLINED ON PRELIMINARY BASIS FOLLOW SAME
APPROACH.

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4. SINCE MATTER COULD ARISE AM APRIL 5, WE WOULD APPRECIATE
DEPT'S VIEWS ASAP IF THEY DIFFER FROM WHAT WE SUGGEST
IN PARA 3 THIS TEL.MEEHAN

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